

Remarks

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-12, 14 and 17-19 are pending.

All pending claims stand rejected under Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Czyszczewski (6867876).

Czyszczewski Is Not Prior Art.

The Rule 131 Declaration of inventor Keith Braunwalder was submitted previously with the Response filed August 5, 2004. A copy of Mr. Braunwalder's Declaration and the Invention Disclosure document attached to the Declaration accompany this Response.

Co-inventor Jeff Aguilera is no longer employed by Hewlett-Packard Company and, therefore, he was not available to help with the Declaration. As detailed below, the Invention Disclosure document attached to Mr. Braunwalder's Declaration shows that the subject matter recited in each of the independent claims (Claims 1, 10, 14 and 19) was conceived and actually reduced to practice before the April 2000 date Czyszczewski was filed in the United States. Czyszczewski should, therefore, be withdrawn as a prior art reference for Claims 1, 10, 14 and 19.

(The Office previously rejected the Rule 131 Declaration as insufficient to remove a prior reference no longer relied on by the Office. This rejection was not well founded. First, where, as here, a joint inventor is not available to sign the Declaration, the signature of the remaining joint inventor is sufficient. See MPEP 715.04. The absence of inventor Aguilera's signature, therefore, has no bearing on the sufficiency of the Declaration. Second, Fig. 1 of the Invention Disclosure document attached to the Declaration is nearly identical to Fig. 3 in the patent Application and clearly shows the features recited in Claims 1, 10, 14 and 19, as detailed below.)

1. Mapping The Claimed Subject Matter To The Invention Disclosure.

Claim 1 recites a user interface that includes a simultaneous display of first selectable icons each representing a different duplicator and a second selectable icon that when selected actuates the duplicator(s) represented by a selection of one or more

of the first selectable icons. Claim 10 recites a user interface having multiple duplicator selections displayed upon a single display screen that, when plural selections are made, simultaneously initiates duplication tasks on each of the user selected duplicators.

Fig. 1 in the Invention Disclosure attached as Exhibit 1 to the Braunwalder Declaration, which is nearly identical to Fig. 3 in the patent Application, illustrates one embodiment of the user interface of Claim 1. Fig. 1 of the Invention Disclosure document shows a user interface (UI) for an HP Digital Workplace Copier as indicated in the extreme upper left hand corner of the UI. The top part of the UI includes selectable icons for a first duplicator – the HP Digital Copier. The selectable icons for the first duplicator include Copies, Reduce-Enlarge, Contrast and Copy Quality. The bottom part of the UI includes selectable icons for a second duplicator (an HP printer is selected). The selectable icons for the second duplicator include I want to print to another printer, Name and Color. The selectable icons for the first and second duplicators correspond to the "first selectable icons each representing a different duplicator" recited in Claim 1. The Start Copy icon at the bottom of the UI corresponds to the "second selectable icon that when selected actuates the duplicator(s) represented by a selection of one or more of the first selectable icons" recited in Claim 1. The top part icons, the bottom part icons and the Start Copy icon correspond to the "multiple duplicator selections displayed upon a single display screen that, when plural selections are made, simultaneously initiates duplication tasks on each of the user selected duplicators" recited in Claim 10.

Claim 14 recites a method for displaying a user interface that includes serving a user interface for display as a menu page having a simultaneous display of a plurality of first selectable menu items each representing a different duplicator and a second selectable menu item that, when selected, actuates the duplicator(s) represented by a selection of one or more of the first selectable menu items. The method of Claim 14 is exemplified by serving the UI of Fig. 1 of the Invention Disclosure document which, as described above, is a menu page having a simultaneous display of a plurality of first selectable menu items each representing a different duplicator and a second selectable

menu item that, when selected, actuates the duplicator(s) represented by a selection of one or more of the first selectable menu items.

Claim 19 is a computer readable media counterpart to the method of Claim 14. The first line of the Description in Section D on page 3 of the Invention Disclosure document indicates the method of the embodiment described may be implemented in the Digital Copier "hardware, firmware, and software."

2. Actual Reduction to Practice.

The Invention Disclosure document attached as Exhibit 1 to the Braunwalder Declaration was signed by the inventors on March 6, 2000. Fig. 1 of the Invention Disclosure document and the corresponding description illustrates an actual reduction to practice. In addition, the Invention Disclosure document states on page 1 that as of February 5, 1999 the invention described therein had already been built.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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